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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 329  
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A RESOLUTION urging the state to develop a parcel level geographic information system for state and local governments.

WHEREAS, a successful parcel level geographic information system (GIS) pilot project has been completed for Maury County and Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the results of said pilot project was to develop standards and applications that can be used statewide; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee must compete with other states for industry recruitment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee must also provide the means to be proactive in the area of infrastructure management, establish the tools necessary to be vigilant and responsive in the areas of public health and safety to protect the citizens, and be visionary in the areas of education and the environment to build a better future for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and local governments must maximize resources for routing and planning; and

WHEREAS, the majority of decisions made by state and local governments relate to geography; and

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WHEREAS, a fully integrated geographic information system will reduce duplication of effort and cost for various state and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the future development of the state and local governments that geographic information system information be in a standard format; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING, That the State of Tennessee is urged to develop a parcel level geographic information system (GIS) to be used by the state and local governments and others interested in managing geographic data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is in the best interest of the citizens of the State of Tennessee that future geographic information system (GIS) projects undertaken at both the state and local levels be developed in accordance with standards established for the statewide geographic information system (GIS) to facilitate the sharing of such data among the various governmental entities and other users of the data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the department of finance and administration, in consultation with the comptroller of the treasury, is urged to develop standards, guidelines and procedures for a parcel-based statewide geographic information system (GIS).